Ban of carrying foodstuff

†1731. SHRIAJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether carrying food in all the express trains has been proposed to be banned;

(b) whether the amount for food and water has been proposed to be charged at the time of getting reservation itself; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Charges for food and bottled water have been included in ticket fare of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains only.

Fines on travelling without tickets

1732. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the enhanced rates of fines on travelling without tickets in the railway; and

(b) the amount of such fines collected in Northern Railways, North-Eastern Railways and North Frontier Raifways during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The minimum penalty for ticketless/irregular travel on trains has been increased from Rupees. 50/- to Rupees 250/- with effect from 1st July, 2004.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.